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## The Public School System.

Several of our contemporaries, among them the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, the Montgomery Advertiser and the Wilmington Messenger, have commented upon a recent article in these columns on the public school system, and each of them has seemingly misunderstood The Times-Dispatch. We have stated that an abstract proposition, it is undemocratic to tax one man to educate another man's children. We have stated that the public school system is Socialistic, and that in principle Socialism and Democracy are as far removed as the East is from the West. But, in spite of that fact, in organized government, whether it be Democratic or otherwise, there must be some common institutions supported at the public expense. Among these is the public school system, because in a government like ours, it is public policy to have an educated citizenship, and it is, therefore, public policy for the government to maintain schools in order that the children of the poor may receive an education. The public school system is in that sense a public necessity, and every man who is taxed to support it gets an indirect benefit, whether or not he has children to educate.

For this reason The Times-Dispatch is in favor of the public education, and has done what it could to promote the cause. But as the public school system is Socialistic, there is danger in pushing the principle too far, and it is because of this danger that we have time and again given warning. If we start with a Socialistic principle, there is danger of going, step by step, to extremes. Starting out with the principle that it is right for the government to supply schools and teachers for the education of the children, it is but a step farther to the principle that it is right for the government to supply books, and, if books, clothing, and, if clothing, food; and, if these, all the rest. Starting out with the principle that it is right for the government to educate the children mentally, it is but a step farther to hold that it is right for the government to undertake the moral instruction, and, if the moral, the religious instruction, of all the children who attend the schools. Starting out with the principle that it is right for the government to compel parents to send their children to school, it is but a step farther to say that the government should control the children altogether and stand to them in loco parentis.

Finally, if the government assumes entire control over the children, providing for their support and providing for their education mentally, politically, morally and religiously, we shall be and by have a nation of dependents. We shall have a paternal government, and paternalism means Socialism.

Men may differ as to whether or not the public school system is undemocratic, but there can be no doubt that it is Socialistic, and its tendencies are dangerous. It will do much good and no harm if kept within reasonable bounds, but there are lurking dangers which need to be closely watched by all who believe in true Democracy, in independent, self-reliant American manhood.

## Hanna's Indignation.

Senator Hanna is a very patient man and has taken good naturedly the gibes of the newspapers. But when he opened his paper the other morning in Washington and found himself represented as saying in his speech to the Board of Trade, "Gentlemen, we hold the ace," he threw patience to bristling beasts and let his wrath explode.

"Holy Moses!" said he, together with other triangular words, "Look at this: 'Hold the ace.' I don't mind the papers printing wrong things about my politics, I am used to that and people know better, but when it is alleged in the public prints that I know no more about the great American game of poker than a couple of three or four?"

"I said: 'Hold the ace.' I mean 'hold the ace.' Lord, Lord, but that makes me tired."

Senator Hanna does not pretend to know all about the game of politics, but he knows poker and he does not propose to be paraded before the American public as an ignoramus. We take pleasure in making the correction.

## The Debts of Nations.

The Bureau of Statistics in Washington has recently given out a statement showing the debts of the leading nations of the world. The total indebtedness of all the civilized powers is set down at about thirty-five billion dollars, about one-half of which is carried by five of

the European countries, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain.

France heads the list with an indebtedness of nearly six billion dollars; Great Britain comes second with a debt of nearly four billion dollars; Russia is third with a debt of about three and one-half billion; Italy and Spain come next with a debt of something more than two and one-half billions each. The United States makes by far the best exhibit of all, having a debt of something less than one billion dollars. Germany's Imperial debt is only about seven hundred million dollars, but the State which comprises the German Empire, have debts aggregating more than two and one-half billions.

In per capita New Zealand and Australia head the list, the former having a debt of \$327 for each inhabitant, and the latter of \$277. The per capita debt of France is \$150, Spain \$110, Great Britain \$32.50, while the United States again makes the best exhibit, showing a per capita debt of only \$11.51. Our debt could be easily reduced, if we wanted to reduce it, but as the national banking system is dependent on United States bonds, we have made it a sort of axiom that "our national debt is a national blessing."

## The Secret of Happiness.

We print to-day two cheerful communications from two venerable correspondents, each of whom declares that he has found more of joy and happiness in the midst of sorrow and misery in life, and that, taking it all in all, he would be willing to live his life over again. We commend these two letters to our young readers. Neither of these two correspondents has been rich and prosperous, and each one of them has had his share of life's troubles; but for all that, each has found life agreeable and profitable, and well worth living again. Each has tried to live right and for the good of others, and that is the whole secret after all of a happy and successful life. Success is not to be measured by the amount of money that one has accumulated nor by the honors of this world, as the world counts honors, but by the good that one has accomplished. The young man or young woman who will keep this idea well in view, who will learn at the start that happiness proceeds from within rather than from without, that it is more blessed to give than to receive, that it is only noble to be good, will surely find more joy than sorrow, and that is life, indeed, worth living.

## The Wyatt Case.

For a long time past vague charges have been made against Policeman Wyatt, and the community is to be congratulated that they have now assumed definite form, and that they are to be investigated. The indictment is made by the chief of police and the Board of Police Commissioners will make an investigation. The only suggestion we offer is that the investigation be made as full as possible, and that it be conducted in open court. Many citizens are doubtless desirous of hearing all that is to be said pro and con, and as many as can be accommodated in the office of the board should be permitted to attend.

Mr. Wyatt has made a good officer, and has performed a great public service; yet it is charged that he is not a proper man to serve on the police force. If that is true, he should be dismissed. But if it is not true, if the charges against him are not sustained, or, if sustained, are not sufficient to disqualify him from public duty, Mr. Wyatt is entitled to a vindication from the board.

Let him have a full and fair trial in the open, and a righteous verdict.

## Annexation.

We can see no reasonable objection to the Anderson annexation bill, and we can see no sufficient reason why it should not become a law. The bill is exceedingly liberal to property owners living in the territory to be annexed, and the question as to whether or not such territory shall be annexed is to be determined in court, where all interested will have a fair hearing, and where the judge will decide according to the evidence. It seems to us that this is far better than to submit the question to an indiscriminate vote, for all sorts of extraneous influences are brought to bear in an election contest, and the main issue is not always determined upon the principle of equity or sound business. But when a cause is brought into court, it is considered upon its merits, and there is no judge in this Commonwealth who could not be relied upon to decide in a case like this, according to the equities.

This matter has been pending for a long time in the General Assembly, and it should be disposed of. We have been slow to commit ourselves to any measure, but the Anderson bill seems to us to be the best of all measures that have been proposed, and we feel sure that if it is enacted into law, it will give general satisfaction.

Health Commissioner Bosley, of Baltimore, is vigorously prosecuting violators of the spitting ordinance of that city. It seems that the law has been disregarded to a great extent, and this the health officers believe is all wrong, and he insists that a different course should be pursued.

If there is as much danger from germs of one sort and another as we are told there is, it is eminently proper that Dr. Bosley should give his attention to the matter.

The man who thinks your Uncle Marcus would decline that nomination if it should be poked right at him is ignorant of the science of politics and a poor judge of human nature.

Colonel Bryan was even more emphatic about that Kansas City platform business when he was in New York the other day than when he spoke out in Nebraska.

There are ways and ways of raising campaign funds. In Milford Hundred, Del., it is proposed that each Democrat shall set aside one acre and plant it in tomatoes and cucumbers.

## MUNYON'S PAW-PAW CURES CATARRH

Col. D. C. Pavey, Gallant Soldier and Prominent G. A. R. Man, of Boston, Says:

It seems to be a duty I owe suffering mortals everywhere to prepare and forward to you, without unnecessary delay, this wholly solicited testimonial to the efficacy of the newest and best remedial agent given by you to the public. For many years Munyon's Homeopathic Remedies have been the standard in my home, and in no instance have they failed to do what was expected of them, but it remained for Paw-Paw to effect a most magical transformation.

A member of my household has been a great sufferer from a severe gastric trouble, which threatened to become chronic. Three weeks ago I purchased at Houghton & Dutton's, Boston, a pint bottle of Paw-Paw, and before one-third of the pint had been taken the patient felt like a new woman, and from that day to this has been spared the distress to which she had become subject. In her case alone, Paw-Paw has worked wonders. Yours very truly,

(Signed) D. C. PAVEY.

Paw-Paw will make worn-out stomachs almost as good as new; will make good, rich blood and build up the nervous system; will do away with both the necessity and desire for beer, whiskey, wine and other injurious stimulants.

A body that is overworked, a system that is run down, requires a stimulant. Alcoholic stimulants lift, but let you fall. Paw-Paw lifts and holds you.

Sold by all druggists. Large bottle, \$1. Paw-Paw Laxative Pills, 25c. a bottle.

tribute the proceeds to "the cause."

We hope they may have a good season, and a fine crop, and be able to sell on the topmost market.

The purifying process may begin later, but up to the present writing, the investigation into Norfolk city politics has thrown no purity into the air.

The Panama Canal has already brought South Carolina and Massachusetts close together. Both favor it to a certain extent.

Considerable cotton is grown in some parts of old Virginia, but peanuts and tobacco will not be totally abandoned.

Russia has something up her sleeve. She didn't get so tame all of a sudden just for fun or for love of peace.

Mr. Roosevelt gets Virginia delegates too easy. The boomers evidently have not learned to cut bait.

The flood snatched the South and West is opening up with more than usual vigor.

The Bright Side of Life.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—In your paper of to-day is an editorial, "Is Life Worth Living?" and you ask the question, "What is the good of anyone?" I am an old man or an old woman in any condition, either of adversity or prosperity, yet I am glad to do so. I have often said that I would be willing to live my life over again, and I have found more joy in my past life, yet, if I could not, I would gladly take it all over again, and I do not doubt that there are many old men like myself who would say the same.

I was seventy-three my last birthday. I enjoyed to the fullest extent the old plantation life of ante-bellum days. I never had any great supply of the world's goods, or any great craving for them. I have worked hard, have seen and suffered many misfortunes, served in the army the four years of the Civil War, was severely wounded, spent eight months in prison on Johnson's Island, saw all of my possessions destroyed by Federal cavalry, and in another State, I have had sickness and sorrow; but, with all, life has been beautiful. There has been so much to be glad of, and I have lived, and I thank God I have lived, and would be willing to tread in the same footprints I have made on the sands of time again, and I have found more joy in my past life, yet, if I could not, I would gladly take it all over again, and I do not doubt that there are many old men like myself who would say the same.

Life Is Sweet.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—In a recent issue of your valuable paper you invite your readers to express their views as to whether the world is worth living in. And if the world were willing to live their lives over again.

My life has not been without its sorrows, troubles, vexations, disappointments, and trials. My path has been a hard one, and I have not been without its sorrows, troubles, vexations, disappointments, and trials. My path has been a hard one, and I have not been without its sorrows, troubles, vexations, disappointments, and trials.

My voyage on life's ocean has not been without a ripple, or a storm of any sort. I have had my full share of troubles of various sorts; yet I would live life over again just as my past has been. The world is not a place of any sort. We have so many opportunities to do good, to others, to be of some use to those around us, to help some one who needs help, and to be of some use to some poor, gloomy person, who is cast down. If we could just get out of our own little selves and try to be of some use to the world, we would find life to be a most pleasant thing.

The world is very much what we make it to ourselves. If we are bright and pleasant to those around us, the world will seem bright and happy to us. Just keep your paper full of bright, happy news, and you will think this world is a happy place, and you will be better and happier for having read it, and at the end of this life will be able to say, "I have lived this world—and I like it."

(Signed) B. S. BUCKLETON, Va., January 20, 1904.

## Down With Fusion.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—It is with much interest that I observe the noble efforts made in behalf of pure politics in Norfolk county. From the first "Glass shell," thrown from the "Krupp gun" of the Lynchburg Democratic Battery, to the rapid enfilading fire of your staff correspondent, I have watched the effect, and soon expect to hear of the "Fusion element" being "doubled up" and "rounded up" that they will no longer figure as a factor in the politics of that county. Keep up the good work and pursue the same uncompromising course, for integrity knows no variations; honesty no shadow of turning.

(Signed) FRANCIS.

Blue Ridge Springs, Va., January 20th.

## ARE PLEDGED TO NO MAN

Democratic Senators From Virginia Deny Publication of Brooklyn Eagle.

## GOVERNOR IN WASHINGTON

Is Not Successful in His Mission to Have Secretary's Ruling Modified.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—"I am not pledged to the support of Mr. Gorman, or any other man for the Democratic nomination to the presidency," were almost the identical words used by both Senator Daniel and Senator Martin to-day.

The statement was elicited by the assertion made in a letter on Virginia politics in the Brooklyn Eagle of recent date, and reproduced in The Times-Dispatch of yesterday, where it was seen by the Virginia senators. The article referred to asserted that both Senator Daniel and Senator Martin were supporting the Maryland candidate for the nomination, and went on to say that at the time of the recent session of the National Democratic Committee in this city, they had been in conference with State Senator McCarran, of New York, and Norman B. Maclean, of that State, regarding the strength of Gorman in the Empire State and elsewhere.

"I am not pledged to Mr. Gorman, nor to any man," said Senator Daniel. "I did not see State Senator McCarran, and have never seen him in my life."

"I have never given the slightest intimation for the nomination to the presidency," said Senator Martin. "I have never pledged my support to any man or the friend of any man."

I have often, in the course of the past months, told you that I thought it was too early to declare preferences for the nomination, and I have studiously avoided doing anything of the kind. I never saw the correspondence of the Brooklyn Eagle, who have recently visited Richmond, and have never made any statement to anybody, which could be construed as a declaration for any candidate for the Democratic nomination."

## GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

Governor Montague, who has been here since yesterday, left for home this afternoon. The Governor was not successful in his efforts to have the Secretary of War modify the order relating to rosters of Confederate commands so as to allow authentic records, though he was official to be used in making transcripts for publication by the Federal government. The Secretary was not disposed to grant the request, but said he did not see how it was practicable to take other than the official records.

Many commands disappeared in battle and the records of Richmond at the evacuation were responsible for the disappearance of many rosters. The archives of the Confederacy, which have been in the possession of the Federal Government since the war, are very incomplete, and there is not a State in the South which has anything like a complete roll of its sons in the Confederate armies.

Governor Montague called on Senator Daniel at the Capitol to-day, and was accompanied by a party who were the guests of the Senator at luncheon at the Senate restaurant.

Mr. Chris Manning and Mr. Clyde W. Saunders, of Richmond, were in the city to-day and called on the Virginia senators, and several of the representatives. They returned home to-night.

Teacher Jones.

Secretary of Fire Board to Give Lessons in Physical Culture.

Secretary Louie Jones, of the Fire Board, is taking a course of physical culture from Professor Dwyer. He will, in turn, give lessons to the men in the fire alarm office. As Mr. Jones is the smallest man in the office, he will have some fun in putting the heavier men through their wrestling lessons.

Mr. Wendling Monday Night.

Among the lecturers in the American platform, none has risen to a higher position than Hon. George R. Wendling. His lectures on history and logic have earned him his thousands. His language, his logic, his imagination, his method, are the best.

On Monday night, at 8:30 o'clock, in Central Y. M. C. A. Hall, Mr. Wendling will give his latest lecture, "The Imperialism"—a lecture that has never and will never cannot afford to miss. Wendling has a style of his own, and his presentation is unsurpassed.

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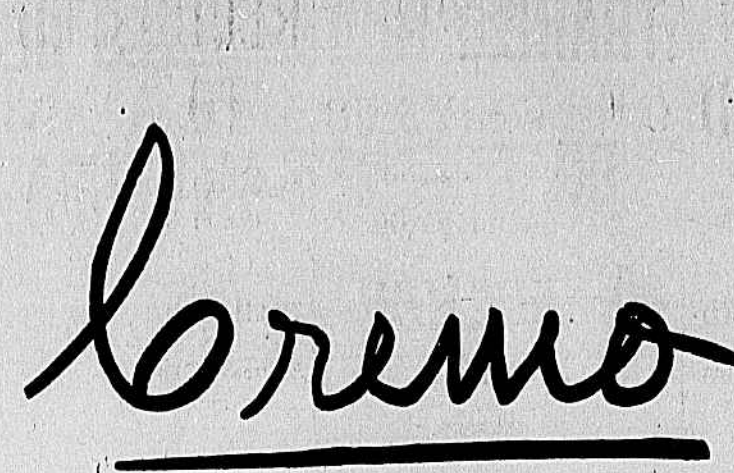
The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Richard Marable, and Mr. W. R. Sedgwick, Mr. L. A. Jackson, of Berryville, Va., and Mr. W. H. Conklyn, of Charlottesville, Va.

The music was directed by Miss Addie Williams. The parlors were prettily decorated, and the bride wore a green cloth tailored gown, with a white lace picture hat and carried lilacs of the valley.

Personal Mention.

Miss Caroline Barbour Scott is visiting her brother, Lieutenant Philip Scott, R. C. S., at Annapolis, Md.

Miss Katie Elliott, of Fluvanna, Va., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Clifton Miller, at No. 309 East Grace Street.



5 cent cigars are liked by every one except the man who has some other kind he wants to sell you

## Social and Personal

The younger contingent of Richmond society attended the subscription german given last night in Belvidere Hall. Mr. Percy Montague led with a number of novel and beautiful Leap Year figures.

Mrs. M. V. Richardson has sent out cards for the marriage of her daughter, Stella, to Mr. Slade Moore, of Berryville, Va. The ceremony will be performed at No. 71 Grove Street, Bedford City, January 28th, at noon.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Powell Harrison, of Leesburg, for the marriage of her daughter, Janet Knox, to Mr. Richard Henry Lynn.

The ceremony will take place Wednesday evening, February 2d, in St. James's Episcopal Church, Leesburg, at 6 o'clock.

The Baltimore Association, for the promotion of the University education of women offers a fellowship valued at \$500 for the year 1904-1905.

Preference in the award of this fellowship will be given to women from Maryland and the South. Applications to the chairman or any member of the Committee of Award should be presented before March 20th. The committee includes Dr. Mary Sherwood, chairman, the Arundel, Baltimore; Miss E. R. Carter, St. Timothy's school, Catonsville, Md.; Miss Edith Hamilton, Bryn Mawr school; Miss Julia R. Rogers, No. 821 North Charles Street, and Dr. Lillian Welsh, the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md.

Officers of the association are Miss McLane, president; Mrs. Charles J. Bonaparte and Mrs. A. Morris Carey, vice-presidents; Dr. Lillian Welsh, secretary, and Mrs. William Cabell Bruce, treasurer.

Governor and Mrs. Montague to Receive.

Governor and Mrs. Andrew J. Montague will hold an official reception next Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Montague.

Receiving with Mrs. Montague will be the wives of the Governor's staff officers. A number of her friends from the society contingent of Richmond will assist in doing the honors of the evening. The members of the General Assembly and their wives will be prominent among the guests.

Beautiful floral decorations and a band of music, with the hospitable doors of the Mansion flung wide, will add to the impression of pleasure each caller must receive from Reception Committee and the ladies who will gather with them in the apocryphal parlors of the Mansion.

Mothers' Club.

An event which is of deep interest to the members of the Valentine Kindergarten Mothers' Club is the literary entertainment to be given in the club room next Thursday afternoon, the 28th instant, at 3:30 o'clock. Articles culled from the best periodicals will be read by Mrs. Morris Asher, whose well modulated voice will give an added meaning to the readings. The subjects will be general discussions of the subjects by the mothers.

selecting the articles, special attention will be paid to their helpfulness to the mothers as home builders and child trainers. Mothers who wish to co-operate with the work of the club will be furnished information of the purpose of the club and the outline of the season's work by Mrs. Howard L. Whitlock, president of the Valentine Kindergarten Mothers' Club.

The library of the club will be open every Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock for the distribution of books to the members.

Williams-Heflebower.

Miss Meta Scott, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Heflebower, and Mr. John Sidney Williams were married at 8:30 Thursday evening in the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. M. Ashby Jones.

The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Richard Marable, and Mr. W. R. Sedgwick, Mr. L. A. Jackson, of Berryville, Va., and Mr. W. H. Conklyn, of Charlottesville, Va.

The music was directed by Miss Addie Williams. The parlors were prettily decorated, and the bride wore a green cloth tailored gown, with a white lace picture hat and carried lilacs of the valley.

## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

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BEREAVED.

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Other selections from Riley, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been published in this series. A Poem of Life was published in this series October 14th, 1902.

ET me come in where you sit weeping,—aye, Let me, who have not any child to die, Weep with you for the little one whose love I have known nothing of.

The little arms that slowly, slowly loosed Their pressure round your neck; the hands you used To kiss.—Such arms—such hands I never knew. May I not weep with you?

Fain would I be of service—say some thing, Between the tears, that would be comforting,— But ah! so tender than yourselves am I, Who have no child to die.

The address will be by Rev. T. McN. Simpson, D. D., pastor of Clay Street Methodist Church. Dr. Simpson's theme will be, "Show Thyself a Man." It will be a positive, something real, living a life that tells for the world.

The Second Presbyterian Quartette will sing, "The Song of the Lilies." The doors will open at 8 o'clock. The "Social Sing" will be held in the library room at the close of the meeting. It will be followed by the big conversational Bible class.

The Gymnasium Study Club will meet at 6 o'clock in the boys' rooms. Mr. Fell will address the Sunday school workers at 5 o'clock this evening. In the lecture rooms of the Association building.

Hon. George R. Wendling will deliver his matchless lecture, "The Imperialism," in Y. M. C. A. Hall Monday at 8:30 P. M. Seats are now on sale.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY IS PLEASANT TO TAKE.

The finest quality of leaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in this preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Children like it, and as it contains no plum or other harmful substance it has no injurious action on the system. In cases of colds, croup and whooping cough it can be given with implicit confidence. It is equally valuable for adults and children. For sale by all druggists.

INAUGURATION OF PARLOR AND DINING CARS ON SEABOARD AIR LINE TRAINS.

With the view of accommodating their patrons, the Seaboard have inaugurated Daily Cafe Dining Car service between Washington and Hamlet, on their trains Nos. 27 and 60. These cars are supplied daily from the best markets with all the delicacies of the season.

On January 11 the Seaboard will also put on Pullman Parlor Cars on Nos. 27 and 60, between Washington and Pinehurst, leaving Washington Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; leaving Pinehurst Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

H. S. LEARD, District Pass. Agent, Richmond, Va.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SCHEDULE.

Seaboard Air Line Railway, January 10, 1904.

On and after January 10, the Seaboard will inaugurate a new train, "Seaboard Florida Limited," No. 81, leaving Richmond 10:25 P. M., "Seaboard Express," No. 87, leaving Richmond 11:00 P. M., instead of 10:35 P. M.; "Seaboard Mail," No. 27, 2:15 P. M., instead of 2:20 P. M. H. S. LEARD, District Pass. Agent, Richmond, Va.